St Andrew's Greek Orthodox Theological College A Member Institution of the Sydney College of Divinity

#### **ORIENTATION**

#### Wednesday 26 February 2025

Redfern Campus

BYO laptop or tablet, notepad, stationery Neat semi-formal attire, appropriate for attending a church service.

	Day Prior – Tuesday 25 February 2025
	Meeting with BTh students (tbc)
11:00am	Student Introductions (Meet & Greet – All New Students)
12:00pm	Doxology to Mark the Commencement of the New Academic Year
	Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation, Redfern
	His Eminence Archbishop Makarios of Australia, Dean
	Welcome Address: 'Discerning your Calling (κλήση) and Inclination (κλίση) in Life'
12:45pm	Group Photo
	Lunch (cheesfare week in 2025)
2:00pm	Assoc. Professor Philip Kariatlis, Sub-Dean
	'Theology and Life: From Hollow Information to Transformational Living'
	Very Revd Father Anastasios Bozikis, Lecturer
	'Approaching Critical Inquiry with an Orthodox Phronema'
3:00pm	Afternoon Recess
	Go outdoors for fresh air and sun, stretch your legs, grab a barista coffee nearby!
3:30pm	Revd Father Stavros Agoroudis, Librarian
	Access to Electronic Resources & Databases; Online Demo
4:00pm	Revd Father Anastasios Kalogerakis, Registrar
	[A] Academic Information:
	Introduction to the Sydney College of Divinity (SCD); Course Structures (majors, sub-majors, specialisations); Attendance-Progress-Completion-Graduation; Academic Mentoring; Assessment;
	Extension Policy; Communication of Results; Academic Appeals; Student Feedback Process; Faculty
	Members; Students-at-Risk Policy; Access to SCD and St Andrew's websites.
	[B] General Student Support Information
	Safety Precautions; Critical Incidents; Support Staff; Emergency Contacts; Financial Support; Amenities; Extra-Curricular Activities; Careers and Vocations; et al.
4:30pm	Vespers for Wednesday evening in Cheesefare Week
	(also Commemoration of Saint Prokopios the Confessor of Decapolis, d.750)

#### TO BE ARRANGED

Dr Elizabeth Kefallinos, Placement Test for Modern Greek Classes (for on campus BTh students and registered enquirers) Mr Basilios Psilacos, Auditions for Byzantine Music Classes (for on campus BTh, MDiv and DipLitMus students only) St Andrew's Greek Orthodox Theological College A Member Institution of the Sydney College of Divinity

# **ORIENTATION**

# Thursday 27 February 2025

# Off-Campus Activity Pilgrimage

Neat semi-formal attire, appropriate for visiting a monastery: ladies – skirt [at knee or below], blouse/shirt/cardigan, closed footwear, etc; gentlemen – long trousers, long sleeve shirt, closed footwear [tie optional]

7:15am	Pilgrimage
	Departure by bus from Redfern Campus for the Holy Monastery of St George
	(male monastery), Yellow Rock (Blue Mountains)
	Vehicles travelling separately must please wait for our bus to arrive at the Shell
	Service Station, 126 Great Western Hwy, Blaxland, by around 8:15am. Pit stop
	here for 15mins toilet break and drink.
	• Arrival at Monastery around 9:00am
	• Enter church / start Paraklesis Service
	• Welcome talk by the Abbot whilst still inside church
	• Veneration of holy relics
	$\circ$ Explanation of the church interior
	• Exit church / group photo
	• Refreshments in the Refectory (use of amenities) and Q&A
	• Tour of Monastery complex
	$\circ$ Lunch (in silence during the reading)
	• Group photo (if not taken earlier)
	• Departure around 1:30pm / 2:00pm
4:00pm	Return to Redfern Campus

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### **ORIENTATION**

# Friday 28 February 2025 Redfern Campus

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8:30am	Matins for Friday morning in Cheesefare Week
	(also Commemoration of Saint John Cassian, d. 435)
9:30am	Very Revd Father Anastasios Bozikis, Student Support Officer
	Student Welfare & Pastoral Care; Student Grievance Policy; Social Media Usage
10:15am	Morning Recess
10:45am	Dr Lydia Gore-Jones, Lecturer
	Course Unit Booklets Explained; Planning your Study Routine; Academic Mentoring; Our College's Academic Journal, <i>Phronema</i>
	Academic Integrity; Studiosity
	Academic Writing; Study Skills; Learning Support
	Session #1
12:15pm	Light Lunch for Faculty and Students
1:00pm	Dr Lydia Gore-Jones, Lecturer
	Academic Writing; Study Skills; Learning Support Session #2
2:00pm	Very Revd Father Irenaeus Triantis
	Moodle & I.T. Support; Login Details & Advice;
	Assessment Cover Sheets; Using Turnitin; Online Extension Applications
2:45pm	Ms Zorka Simich, Library Technician
	Library Services & Support; Access to Physical Resources; Normal Hours of
	Available Support; Library Tour
3:30pm	End of Program
	[Rest]
6:30pm –	Optional – You are Warmly Invited and Encouraged to Attend
8:00pm	Service of Dedication for Graduands (Doxology) Άκολουθία Καθοσιώσεως Τελειοδιδάκτων (Δοξολογία)
	Followed by Reception inside the College Hall
	(prepared by volunteers of the central ladies philoptohos committee)
	Attire: neat semi-formal attire, appropriate for attending a church service.
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